

# NEWS RELEASE

**Manti-La Sal National Forest  
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**Six Mile, Link, Cove Creek, and Pace II  
Are Managed As Wildland Fire Use on the  
Manti-La Sal National Forest**

**Price, UT:** Several lightning caused fires on the Manti-La Sal Forest started in late July and August continue to be allowed to burn for resource benefits. There have been 10 lightning caused wildland fires on the Manti-La Sal National Forest that have been allowed to burn under specific management guidelines by local fire officials. Currently there are four fires that are continuing to burn.

With a return to drier weather some of these fires will become more active again and smoke will again be visible from travel corridors in the Carbon, Emery and Sanpete Counties.

Forest visitors should be aware of these fire locations and use caution when entering the fire areas (see attached map). No road or trail closures are expected at this time. Fire management officials will continuously monitor each of the fires and as weather and fire conditions change, fire management officials will reassess the need for trail and road closures.

The follow is a basic description of each of the Fires that are currently burning on the Forest that are being managed for fire use for resource benefit:

- The Six Mile fire is approximately 57 acres and located 5 miles southeast of Manti, UT. The fire is burning in timbered fuels and is the most active of all the fires.
- The 120-acre Link fire is located 5 miles northwest of Emery, UT. The fire is burning in Ponderosa Pine, aspen and brush fuels.
- The 18-acre Cove Creek fire is located 11 miles northwest of Ferron, UT and has been inactive for several days. Fuels on this fire are mixed conifer and brush.
- The Pace fire on the Moab/Monticello Ranger District and is about 25 miles southeast of Moab, UT, The fire started on August 20<sup>th</sup> from lightning and is approximately 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an acre in size and burning in oak brush.

These fires are being managed to accomplish resource objectives outlined in the Forest Management Plans of the Manti-La Sal and the Fishlake National Forests. The Plans allow naturally ignited fires to burn within designated Fire Use areas under specific management guidelines. Under these conditions, fire is allowed to play its natural role on the landscape. By utilizing the “Wildland Fire Use” management tool, fire officials and resource managers will accomplish benefits to wildlife forage for mule deer and elk and reduce the build-up of hazardous dead and downed fuels.

If you would like more information on Wildland Fire Use, please contact Kim Soper at 435-636-3502.

